

**Supplemental Report of the Advisory Committee  
2017 Annual Town Meeting  
April 24, 2017**

**ARTICLE 12:**

**COMMENT:** This Article is included each year in the event that the existing Reserve Fund is not adequate to cover unbudgeted and unanticipated expenses for the balance of the current Fiscal Year (FY 2017). Expenses for several accounts are larger than originally budgeted, particularly Snow and Ice, Legal, Workers' Compensation, Medicare Taxes, and Fire Department Overtime. When added to the existing Reserve Fund Transfers already made, these expenses will exceed the current Reserve Fund balance.

The Advisory Committee and the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously in support of this Article.

**RECOMMENDED:** That the Town transfer from available funds the sum of \$532,746 to the Town's Reserve Fund for use during Fiscal Year 2017.

**ARTICLE 25:**

**RECOMMENDED:** That the Town appropriate \$350,000 from available reserves to be expended by the Trustees of the Bathing Beach to construct a new bathhouse / multi-purpose building located at 31 Otis Street, Hingham, MA, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a repayment agreement with the Trustees of the Bathing Beach for the concession facility and community function room which will provide payments to the Town in amounts to repay said aggregate appropriation on terms and conditions as determined by the Board of Selectmen.

**ARTICLE 28:**

**COMMENT:** Currently, the sewer mains serving North Hingham, including the 3A corridor and Lincoln Street, are approaching capacity. Sewer main breaks have occurred in the areas surrounding Lincoln Street due to, among other reasons, a "water hammer". A water hammer occurs when two main sewer pipes feed into one sewer main at the same time causing the pressure to rise. The convergence causes a water hammer, which can and has caused sewer main breaks.

This Article seeks \$353,000 to re-route one of the main sewer pipes to the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority ("MWRA") Stoddard's Neck Pumping Station and to install a sewer force main from the Bradley Woods Station to a manhole before the Stoddard's Neck Station. This will have three desired results. It will address the capacity issue that North Hingham is already facing, it will decrease the chances of a sewer force main break, and it will enable general maintenance on the existing sewer mains.

This Article represents a portion of the funding for this multi-year capital initiative to improve Hingham's sewer system. Avalon Communities ("Avalon") and, if approved, Broadstone Bare Cove Alliance ("BBCA") would also fund a portion of this initiative.

\$203,000 of the appropriation in this Article represents partial funding for changing the route and size of the main to gain capacity as well as fixing permeation in the existing lines. The overall cost for this project is \$327,600. If approved, BBCA would fund the balance of \$124,600.

\$150,000 of this appropriation will be used to install a new Bradley Woods Station force main. Force mains move wastewater under pressure by using pumps or compressors versus gravity. This will free up

capacity by proactively pumping water more efficiently. The overall cost for this project is \$334,000. Avalon will be funding the balance of \$184,000.

This Article will be funded through borrowing. The ratepayer will cover the costs of this borrowing. The completion of this project, as well as the use of debt financing, should result in keeping sewer rates steady.

Approval of this Article requires a two-thirds vote by Town Meeting.

The Advisory Committee and the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously in support of this Article.

### **ARTICLE 30:**

**COMMENT:** A group of local citizens has proposed to develop a parcel of land located at 6 Station Street at the corner of Station and North Streets. This site was previously used by Settles Glass and has been vacant for a number of years. The proposed new building at the site would be three stories tall with commercial businesses on the first floor and residences on the second and third floors. Underground parking would be provided for the residences. The group proposing the development has had preliminary meetings with appropriate Town boards and committees and has generally been favorably received to date.

The site at 6 Station Street is currently completely paved, and storm water is not collected and runs off the site onto existing streets. The developer of the site would be required to address the issue of storm water runoff from the site in order to proceed with the proposed project. This Article would authorize, but not require, the Board of Selectmen to grant a subsurface (underground) easement that would allow storm water from the site to be discharged via a pipe to an existing catch basin which is located on Town-owned land in the Station Street parking lot. This would improve the current situation by allowing the collection of storm water at the site and direct discharge to an existing catch basin without the potential of contamination caused by surface flow over the street. Costs for the pipe and installation would be borne by the developer.

The Advisory Committee and the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously in support of this Article.

**RECOMMENDED:** That the Town authorize, but not require, the Board of Selectmen, pursuant and subject to Massachusetts General Laws chapter 40, sections 3, 15, and 15A, as applicable, to grant, for the benefit of that certain parcel of land described below (the "Benefitted Parcel"), a subsurface easement for the purpose of storm water discharge through a pipe to a catch basin located on a parcel of land, known as Assessor Map 61, Parcel 91, owned by the Town of Hingham and under the care, custody, and control of the Board of Selectmen, for consideration of a minimum of \$1.00 and on such other terms and conditions as the Board deems in the best interest of the Town, the Benefitted Parcel being known as and numbered 6 Station Street (shown as Lot 79 on Assessor Map 61), and being particularly described in a deed, dated October 31, 2007, recorded with the Plymouth County Registry of Deeds in Book 35269, Page 271, and a deed dated May 21, 2015, and recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Book 45607, Page 291.